

Appln. No. 10/616,834

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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on Page 1, beginning on line 10, under the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to a new and distinct fall bearing raspberry variety designated as 'PS-1703'. This new variety is a result of a controlled cross between ~~'PS-737'~~ 'PSI-737' (U.S. Plant Patent No. 8,639) and 'PS-1049' (U.S. Plant Patent No. 10,142).

Please replace the paragraph on Page 1, beginning on line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

The seedling resulting from the aforementioned cross was selected from a controlled breeding plot near Watsonville, California. After its selection, the new variety was further asexually propagated in Monterey County and Santa Cruz County, California by dormant canes, roots and non-dormant root shoot cuttings. Root development is initiated in about 1 to 3 months. The new variety was then extensively tested over the next several years in fruiting fields in Monterey County and Santa Cruz County, California. This propagation has demonstrated that the combination of traits disclosed herein as characterizing the new variety are fixed and remain true to type through successive generations of asexual reproduction.

Please replace the paragraph on Page 8, line 31, with the following amended paragraph:

*Receptacle size:* -- ~~medium to medium-large~~ length about 1.2 cm to 1.8 cm, width about 1 cm to 1.5 cm

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Please replace the paragraph on Page 8, line 32, with the following amended paragraph:

*Core cavity size:* -- ~~medium to medium large~~ length about 1.2 cm to 1.8 cm, width about 1 cm to 1.5 cm

Please replace the paragraph on Page 8, line 33, with the following amended paragraph:

*Druplet size:* -- ~~medium to small~~ about 40 mg to 45 mg in weight

Please replace the paragraph on Page 10, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

*Habit:* -- semi erect to erect, plant height about 1.5 m to 1.9 m, plant spread about 1 m to 1.5 m

On Page 12, after line 8 and before line 10, please add the following new paragraphs:

Sepals:

*Length:* -- about 7 mm to 10 mm

*Width:* -- about 6 mm to 8 mm

*Color:* -- light green

On Page 13, after line 40, please add the following new paragraphs:

Reproductive Organs:

*Pistils:* -- average 50 to 80 per flower and medium in size

*Stamens:* -- average 70 to 120 per flower and medium in size